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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to an official action dated November 18, 2003, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraph. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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